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**SAMHSA Leaders to Launch the  
Master Trainer Development Program on Guam  
March 5 – 10, 2012**

**Hagåtña, Guam** – Guam DMHSA is gearing up for a site visit from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), headed by Administrator Pamela Hyde and Principal Deputy Administrator Kana Enomoto. The site visit will take place the week of March 4<sup>th</sup> as part of the leaders' trip to the Pacific region. The main goal of the visit is to launch the Master Trainer Development Program for the Pacific Jurisdictions, an initiative developed by SAMHSA in partnership with the Pacific Behavioral Health Collaborating Council (PBHCC) to prepare a cadre of trainers and instructors in the Pacific Islands who will provide college-linked or profession certification-linked pre-service and in-service behavioral health training and education for the foreseeable future. Additionally, the site visit will also provide the SAMHSA leaders an opportunity to personally meet with Pacific Island leaders in the behavioral health field and primary health care.

SAMHSA is an operating division within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) tasked to reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities. One of the agency's roles is to support states, tribes and territories through funding and service capacity development, which leads to building and improving local practices and system capacity. Through the Master Trainer Development Program 18 educators and behavioral health specialists from the Federated States of Micronesia, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau, and Guam will participate in a **one-week "Launch"** of the MTDP March 5-10, 2012 in Guam, where SAMHSA's Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC) Network will offer a 3-day training workshop entitled "The Training Point," and SAMHSA's Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies (CAPT) will provide training in the Foundations of Epidemiology and Principles of Evaluation. Also during the week, SAMHSA staff and technical assistance (TA) providers will help the trainer candidates begin developing a 1-year individualized professional development plan focused on a priority content area identified by their respective Jurisdictions that will include a 2-week visit to a host site.

"We are pleased to welcome Administrator Hyde and Principal Deputy Administrator Enomoto to our island," says DMHSA Director Wilfred Aflague. "During this visit, we will introduce to our federal partners the dedicated providers of behavioral health services on Guam, as well as discuss the needs of Guam's people. We look forward to participating in the Master Trainer Development Program as a commitment to building and maintaining a stronger and more responsive behavioral health support system for the people of Guam." The synergetic total of each Pacific trainer candidate's individual training plans will ultimately lead to building a sustainable workforce development capacity and continued collaboration and partnership throughout the Pacific.

For information regarding the Master Trainer Development Program, contact DMHSA – PEACE office at 477-9079 ~ 83. Interviews may be made through appointments, based on schedule availability.

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*\*The SAMHSA site visit is scheduled from February 27, 2012 to March 10, 2012 to the US Associated Jurisdictions, which includes the Republic of Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of Palau and Guam.*

*\* Profile of Administrator Hyde: [http://www.samhsa.gov/about/bio\\_hyde.aspx](http://www.samhsa.gov/about/bio_hyde.aspx)*

*\* Profile of Acting Administrator Enomoto: [http://www.samhsa.gov/About/bio\\_enomoto.aspx](http://www.samhsa.gov/About/bio_enomoto.aspx)*